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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows:

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COVER LETTER

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

| For | TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED | TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE | CLAIMS PAID | RATE | CALCULATION |
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| Total Claims | 14 | 1 | (Over 20) | x \$18 | . 0 |
| Independent Claims | 2 | 1 | -XX (Over 3) | x \$84 | 0 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) | | | | + \$280 | 0 |
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| In add | ition, the below-identified communications are | e submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding |
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| ` | [] Response to Office Action [] Terminal Disclaimer | [] Petition for Extension of Time |
| | Substitute Specification | [] Letter to Draftsperson |
| | [X] Preliminary Amendment | [] Assignment |
| | [] Other | [] Petition under |

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| [x] | The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication including fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 08-1480 . |
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